

# Three SWOSU Musical Groups Perform September 9

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Three Southwestern Oklahoma State University musical groups will perform on Saturday, September 9, at two events in Weatherford.

The Weatherford Community Band and the SWOSU Jazz Ensemble "A", featuring a new leader, will give their first performances of the season at the Weatherford Arts Festival in Means Park. The Community Band will open the show at 8:45 a.m. with Jazz A to follow. The crowd will enjoy big band favorites including Jump Jive and Wail, Basically Blues, and Swing Swing Swing.

This is the dawning of a new era in jazz at SWOSU. New at the helm of SWOSU Jazz A is Keith Talley, who recently graduated from Michigan State University. His Doctorate of Musical Arts is pending his dissertation and will be completed later this fall.

As well as heading Jazz A, Talley teaches applied saxophone and clarinet and directs woodwind studies.

Few can remember a time when Dr. Terry Segress was not involved in the jazz program at SWOSU. In addition to directing Jazz "A", the top jazz band, he also created the annual SWOSU Jazz Festival over 35 years ago. During Segress' tenure, many jazz greats—including Mary McPartland, Bill Watrous, Eddie Daniels, Shelly Berg and Byron Stripling—have been guest artists at the festival.

Under his leadership, Jazz "A" has become widely reputed as one of the best collegiate jazz bands in the region. While Dr. Segress has stepped down as jazz director, he still heads the SWOSU Department of Music.

Also performing Saturday at the first SWOSU home football game will be The Marching Bulldogs. The pre-game show features a moving arrangement of When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again in honor of overseas troops. The halftime show highlights exciting music from the motion picture Gladiator combined with intricate drills. The pre-game starts at 5:45 p.m. at Milam Stadium on the SWOSU campus.